

ENDEAVORS TO BLOCK PROGRESS

F. M. Swift Arrested for Trespass on Land.

THEY CANNOT AGREE ON PRICE

Side Hill Property Held at Exorbitant Figures.

Considerable amusement is being had by the directors of the Clackamas Southern Railway Co. in the arrest of F. M. Swift, one of the directors, who is doing good work on the survey and branching out along the route, for trespassing, which occurred Monday and was ordered by I. H. Bingham, who conducts the Pacific Soda Works in this city. Mr. Bingham's property is located along the right of way on the side hill, and he and the company have been unable to get together as to the damages to the property, which was purchased a few years ago for about \$135. There are four acres in the tract and the company allege they have made reasonable offers for damages, but have been refused. Bingham asking one thousand dollars, which was refused. Swift being acquainted with the law on the subject which gives a surveyor the right to go upon property and survey and locate, did not fear the results and was placed under arrest, but had the case put over to a later term of court, pending the condemnation proceedings on the part of the company, which have now been filed. In this case the company are following a plan and in all future cases will have with them on the grounds the county assessor, who will be better able to properly assess lands which increase in value so rapidly, which under the laws of 1907 must be assessed at their true cash value. This feature alone will mean many dollars to the taxables in Clackamas county, as it will bring into view the real values of much property. Mr. Bingham's property consists of about four acres and lies close to the city, and no doubt is of considerable value, yet from the loose rocky condition of the ground in that vicinity and from the fact that it covers the side hill at an angle of almost forty-five degrees, it is questionable as to such a high valuation. The matter will have to be threshed out in the courts, as either side is determined, and the company feel that inasmuch as the enterprise is entirely a home affair and all are working for the upbuilding of Clackamas county, that any point along the proposed route there should be a willingness to help the project along in every manner possible.

MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Friendly Bible Class Will Send Delegates to Eugene.

Much interest is being manifested by the members of the Friendly Bible Class in the preparations for the class exhibit which is to be given at the annual state Sunday school convention, at Eugene, the 13th, 14th and 14th of April. The president of the class, Mr. Ralph Edly, has been asked to give an address at this convention, on the subject "What the Adult Work Accomplishes" and the explanation of the different parts of the exhibit will figure very largely in his address. The exhibit will contain the photo of the class which was taken before the tent in which the class held its regular sessions during last summer; the one taken at the second annual class banquet in February, and as many of the church as it is possible to secure, also photos of the new tennis court; pennants which have been used by the class on various occasions, especially the second annual class banquet; programs; stationery; class literature and articles from the bazaar which is to be held some time in April. This exhibit will show the product of the best efforts of the Friendly Bible Class, its growth and accomplishments and the manner in which the results have been brought about.

THE OREGON STATE FAIR

Will Be Held at Salem During Week Ending Sept. 16.

Announcement is made that the Semi-centennial State Fair of the Oregon Agricultural Society will be held at Salem September 16. Extensive preparations are being made to make this the most notable exhibit ever held. The Society aims to have a display that will attract visitors from all parts of the country, and with that end in view will endeavor to outdo any previous effort in getting the products of Oregon in sufficient quantities to permit visitors from the outside to form some impression of our wonderful resources.

Woodmen Meeting.

Modern Woodmen of America, take notice. All members of the M. W. of A. are invited to meet at W. O. W. hall at 7 p. m., Sunday evening, April 9th. Preceded by the Boys' Band of Willamette, the members of the order will march in a body to the First Baptist church, where a special service will be conducted by Neighbor Rev. S. A. Hayworth.

BURN YOUR RUBBISH NOW

State Forestry Board Begins Active Work.

SPEEDY ACTION IS NECESSARY

New Law Prohibits Outdoor Fire Between June 1 and Oct. 1.

State Forester Frank A. Elliott has prepared a circular, which will be distributed broadcast, forecasting the first few months' existence of the newly created fire board. Mr. Elliott in his first announcement calls attention to the provision of the new law which makes it prohibitory to start any outdoor fire in this state between June 1 and October 1 of each year, except under the most stringent regulations and with heavy penalties for their violation. "In this connection," reads the communication, "the state forester urges upon everyone the necessity of doing all possible burning before the closed season begins and thus save the trouble and risk of doing it by permission during that season of greatest danger when fire spreads so easily and rapidly. Forest fires, one of the greatest sources of destruction to the most valuable resources of the state, will soon be restricted and the forests largely reduced," says State Forester Elliott, "if the people will cooperate with the state forester in the administration of the new forestry law enacted by the late legislature." The state forester desires the assistance and cooperation of everyone in the protection of property from forest, grass or brush fires and to this end invites suggestions and information calculated to assist him in any manner in the performance of his most important duties. The new law will soon be ready for distribution in pamphlet form and the state forester will be glad to furnish copies upon request.

CHURCH ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

First Presbyterian Church Hold Annual Meeting.

Monday night the annual meeting of the Presbyterian church took place in the church parlors. At six o'clock the members and their friends sat down to a splendid dinner that had been prepared by the ladies of the church. The regular business meeting was called and the reports of the various organizations of the church were received. This was followed by the election of officers. Mrs. W. C. Green was re-elected Sunday school superintendent, and Allen Frost and Ed Storr were re-elected elders, and W. C. Green was elected elder to fill the vacancy of H. D. Parks, who recently moved from this city. Hugh Kennedy and Dave Oatta were elected deacons for a three-year term. The church trustees elected were Prof. Boland and Chris Schuebel. Miss Katherine Harison was elected organist. The reports of the various organizations show that the church is in a good condition. During the past year \$3,200 has been spent for improvements.

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The Mother Lode, After a Long Hunt, Finally Located.

J. B. Fairclough and T. B. Fairclough and Mr. and Mrs. Heckert, who have been at the Ogle Mountain mining property for the past winter, have come out from the mines for a few days, having run low on wood, powder and other material used in the work there, and wishing to take advantage of the occasion to see the outside world for a few days, made good by coming to Oregon City to visit friends, expecting to return to the mining camp about April 15. The boys bring news of the striking of the crater vein, or mother lode as it is termed, which is reported as extensive and full of rich ore, full details of which are not obtainable at the present time. A noticeable satisfied smile is chasing around the corners of the mouth of every member of the camp and it is very probable that the public will be thoroughly acquainted with the conditions there as soon as everything is in readiness to be given out. The directors held two meetings this week and will have a further meeting Tuesday evening, after which time further information may be expected by the public.

POST OFFICE TO CLOSE SUNDAYS

Only Box Owners Will Be Able to Secure Mail Matter.

In all parts of the country movements are being made looking toward the closing of postoffices on Sunday. In Portland a petition signed by a large number of people favoring Sunday closing was met with the immediate approval of the national post-office authorities and an order was issued granting their request. Detroit, Mich., initiated the Sunday closing movement and that place is the first large city to put the idea into operation. Many of the smaller towns in Oregon have fallen into line and it is only a question of time when the whole state will join in the Sunday closing movement. The postoffice authorities will not order an office closed except on petition of the patrons of the local office, and it is understood that the residents of Oregon City will soon have petitions presented to them for their signatures. Going to the postoffice on Sunday is in most instances only a habit and a very bad one at that and every resident of Oregon City ought to be willing to see the overworked post-office clerks and carriers have at least one day's rest in a week. Mail will be dispatched as usual on Sundays and mail matter placed in the boxes, but the delivery windows will not be open, making it necessary for only one clerk to work instead of four. Each clerk will have to work only one Sunday in each month. Anyone expecting important mail matter can secure the same by notifying the postoffice officials. Last Sunday an account was kept of the number of letters received at the office and it was found that only a small percent of the patrons of the office called for their mail.

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Of the Mt. Hood Light & Power Company.

SALOON MAN ON THE CARPET.

Routine Matters Acted on by the City Fathers.

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BROTHERHOOD HAVE INTERESTING MEETING

Dr. James Withycomb Gives Rosy Picture of Oregon's Future.

Plans and preparations for the Brotherhood monthly meeting of the Congregational church, which was held last Tuesday evening in the church parlors were carried out with the nicety of a piece of well-oiled machinery. About seventy men of this city were present to enjoy the spread. The decorations were of Oregon grape and daffodils, which made a pretty combination. At the table the favors were in the shape of Easter novelties, such as little chickens. The president of the Brotherhood, E. T. Avison, acted as toastmaster of the banquet. Rev. William Proctor made the usual announcements; an important one was the meeting for next Sunday evening which will be Brotherhood night at the Congregational church. Rev. S. A. Hayworth made some very fitting remarks. The Brotherhood was exceptionally fortunate in having with them Dr. James Withycomb of the O. A. C. of Corvallis, who gave an inspiring talk, telling of the future prospects of Oregon, the great roads, the building of highways, and dwelt extensively on the marvelous agricultural lands here in Oregon. Rev. Charles also gave an able address along the same lines, which was followed by talks from George Lazelle and A. J. Lewis and C. H. Dye, all of which were interesting. Marshall Lazelle gave a short talk eulogizing the O. A. C., of which he is a graduate. An important factor of the meeting was the subject of closing the postoffice in Oregon City on Sundays, which was voted on and unanimously carried. Music for the occasion was well rendered by the Des Larzes orchestra. The menu, which was prepared by the ladies of the Congregational church was exceptionally good.

MAPLE LANE GRANGE MEET

They Will Have an Exhibit at the County Fair.

Maple Lane Grange met Saturday in an all day session. A great deal of important business was transacted. It was decided to have an exhibit at the coming Clackamas county fair, to be held in Canby, in September. The committee in charge of the exhibit are Mrs. J. Lewelling, A. J. Lewis and Mrs. O. H. Swallow. One application for membership was received. At 12 o'clock the ladies of the Grange served a splendid dinner. The following program was rendered in the afternoon: Song, "Bad and Bloom" by the Grange; roll call; recitation, "Our Farmer Boy," Miss Lois Poginok; question box, read by Mrs. Peters and A. J. Lewis; recitation, "Sound Advice," Mrs. J. Lewelling; reading, Henry Beard; song, "We Come With Song to Greet You," Mrs. S. A. Gillette; reading, Mrs. Heater; discussion, "Single Tax," William Beard; closing song, "We Will Rest in Thy Love," by the Grange.

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS

Speaker Clark Tells Democrats They Must Be Good.

The extra session of the 62d congress met on Tuesday. Champ Clark was elected speaker and in a few remarks he told the members that they were being watched by the whole country and they must be on their good behavior. President Taft's message was very brief and related only to the reciprocity treaty pending between the United States and Canada. More than 2,000 bills were introduced on the first day of the session.

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DR. PARSONS TO BE NEXT SPEAKER

Eminent Divine at Next Gathering of Presbyterian Brotherhood.

At the next meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood, which will occur next Tuesday evening, Rev. William Parsons, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church of Portland, will deliver a lecture on "Making of the Constitution." Dr. Parsons is one of the most eloquent divines in the West, and it will be a treat to have the privilege of listening to his great lecture. During the banquet music will be rendered by a male quartet composed of Harry Miller, Hugh Kennedy, William Hennessey and John Etchison.

TEDDY TAKES THE TOWN

Rough Rider Right Royally Received.

FAMOUS FIGHTER FEELING FINE

Portland People Provide Popular President Plenty Pastime.

Portland people fairly outdid themselves on Wednesday in giving welcome to Theodore Roosevelt, Colonel Roosevelt visited Portland once before but his greeting received on Wednesday was far more enthusiastic than that accorded the distinguished guest on his first visit. For the most part the town took an afternoon and evening off and joined in a series of informal demonstrations which must have served to make it clear to Colonel Roosevelt that he is held in high regard by everybody hereabouts. It was not the mere cheering and applause that revealed the public mind and heart, but the evidences of intimate regard that were manifested on every hand. It was "Hello, Teddy" and "Hurrah for Teddy" everywhere along the densely-packed streets where he appeared. None thought of shouting, "Hurrah for Roosevelt." And to have the populace calling one by his first name unreservedly is significant in itself. "Teddy in 1912" shouted hundreds of his admirers, as he was taken through the crowded streets in a big automobile, attended by members of the reception committee. At the Commercial Club's banquet in the evening the scene, in honor of the Colonel, was indeed a joyous one. Arica, Lions roared, parrots screeched, monkeys chattered and chuckled, and a huge alligator opened his wide cavernous jaws. "Native Africans," armed with spears, greeted the visiting hunter as he entered the hall, and sang as he marched through the forest to the real seat of honor at the banquet table beyond. The Colonel appreciated it immensely. He said so, and he showed it by giving hearty applause. "When Teddy Comes Marching Home" was the song the double quartet sang as he entered the hall. And from then on the occasion was replete with novelties. When the great electric moon in the cavern firmament was eclipsed by the face of the great himself, Colonel Roosevelt's smile was at once so broad and so genial and the good humor of it was so catching that the whole banquet-room rang with laughter and cheers. In his speech at the Army in the evening the Colonel fully endorsed the Oregon system, with the qualification that the recall should not be applied to the judiciary and that fewer officers, but with added powers, should be elected, characterized the address of Colonel Roosevelt before an audience of 4000 persons. "Good government," he said "is like machinery that has to be well oiled. It must be carefully conducted." He impressed upon his hearers the fact that by taking on added powers in direct legislation they also take on added duties and added responsibilities. He made an appeal to the people of Oregon, who, by their "progressive" laws have attracted the attention of other states, to set a good example in having those laws worked out well. A further, and seemingly an emphatic, appeal was made for the minority opposing the Oregon method of government, to unite with the majority in carrying out their wishes in the best manner possible. Until such time as a constitutional amendment can be obtained providing for the direct election of United States senators, the Oregon method of choosing them should be adopted by other states, he declared.

"SHAM" AT THE BAKER

Miss Roberts to Appear as Society Woman in Comedy.

Following the heavy emotional and reckless comedy scenes of "Zaza," Miss Florence Roberts will offer for her third week at the Baker her wonderful study of the depths that might be reached in too apparently adamant shell of a spoiled modern society woman. Her portrayal of the frivolous Katherine von Ripper is one of the most exquisitely artistic things she has ever done, and shows a volume of lights and shades—far removed from her usual creations—that is the source of never-ending pleasure and delight. For "Sham" is a society comedy, pure and simple, with an intense, gripping scene here and there to be sure, but with the all-important comedy streaming through like a spring shower on a bed of daisies. Miss Roberts' gowns—always the subject of supreme interest among the ladies of her audience—will shine particularly in "Sham," which offers unusual opportunities in this respect. Theodore Roberts will play the role of "Jeremiah" (Old) Buck, and Thorlow Bergen will appear as Tom Jalfrey, the young mining engineer from the West.

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